THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Now, we take up the Representation of the People (Third Amendment) Bill, 2002.

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (THIRD AMENDMENT) BILL, 2002

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): Sir, I move:

> "That the Bill further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1950, be taken into consideration."

Sir, as per article 171 of the Constitution, we fill in the post of MLCs from local bodies also. In Bihar, what has happened is that, a change has come about now in the names of the local bodies. And, these have to be reflected in the Fourth Schedule of the Representation of the People Act.

The present Bill only seeks to amend the names of the local bodies in tune with the present names of these bodies. It is a simple Bill, and I request the House to kindly pass this Bill.

The question was proposed.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): The question is:

> That the Bill further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1950, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Clause 1. There is one amendment, by the Minister.

Clause - 1 (Short Title)

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Sir, I move:

That at page 1, line 2, *for* the bracket and words "(Third (1) Amendment)", the bracket and words "(Second Amendment)" be *substituted*.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 1, as amended, was added to the Bill.

The Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Sir, I move:

That the Bill, as amended, be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Now, we take up the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2002.

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2002

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): Sir, I move:

That the Bill further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1951, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

Sir, this Bill is curative in nature. Now, as per Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act, disqualification starts from the date of conviction. What is happening is that, in many cases, supposing a person